

APPENDIX B

**RESPONSES TO THE NOTICE OF
PREPARATION (NOP)**



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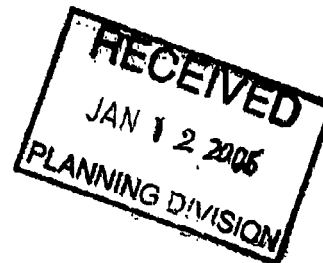
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Sean Walsh
Director

Notice of Preparation

January 6, 2006



To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center Hospital Heliport, PLN 2004-04382
SCH# 2004122113

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center Hospital Heliport, PLN 2004-04382 draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

Jeff Schwilk
City of Santa Clara
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

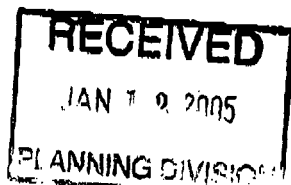
with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Project Analyst, State Clearinghouse

Attachments
cc: Lead Agency



Document Details Report State Clearinghouse Data Base

SCH# 2004122113
Project Title Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center Hospital Heliport, PLN 2004-04382
Lead Agency Santa Clara, City of

Type NOP Notice of Preparation

Description The proposed project is the construction and operation of a State permitted hospital heliport on the new 53-acre Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara medical Center campus located int the City of Santa Clara.. This hospital heliport, also referred to herein as a helipad, would consist of a 17-foot high platform, located on the south side of the hospital building. The helipad platform would be on the south side of the hospital building, approximately 285 feet from the south property line for the site. The helipad would be used for emergency evacuation of critically ill patients to other medical facilities to recieve specialized treatment. Although it is anticipated that emergency evacuations requiring use of the helipad will occur approximately three to four times per year, the Supplemental EIR will analyze the environmental impacts of operation of the proposed hospital helipad assuming an average of fifteen (15) flights per year over a two-year period.

Lead Agency Contact

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|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Name | Jeff Schwilk | |
| Agency | City of Santa Clara | |
| Phone | (408) 615-2450 | Fax |
| email | | |
| Address | 1500 Warburton Avenue | |
| City | Santa Clara | State CA Zip 95050 |

Project Location

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|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| County | Santa Clara |
| City | Santa Clara |
| Region | |
| Cross Streets | Homestead Road / Lawrence Expressway |
| Parcel No. | 316-09-035, -039, -041 |
| Township | Range |
| | Section |
| | Base |

Proximity to:

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Highways | 280 |
| Airports | |
| Railways | Southern Pacific |
| Waterways | Calabazas Creek |
| Schools | Santa Clara, Cupertino, Sunnyvale |
| Land Use | PLU: Medical Office Building, with hospital under construction |
| | Z: PD(B) - Planned Development |
| | GP: Public Facilities, Institutional |

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Drainage/Absorption; Economics/Jobs; Fiscal Impacts; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Minerals; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Schools/Universities; Sewer Capacity; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Wildlife; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Department of Fish and Game, Region 3; Office of Emergency Services; Native American Heritage Commission; Public Utilities Commission; Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 4; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 2; Other Agency(ies)

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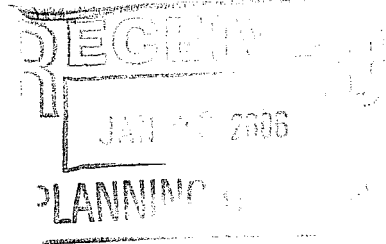
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January 18, 2006

Mr. Jeff Schwilk
City of Santa Clara
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Dear Mr. Schwilk:

Re: City of Santa Clara's Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center Hospital Heliport; PLN 2004-04382; SCH# 2004122113

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics, reviewed the above-referenced document with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional aviation land use planning issues pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Division of Aeronautics has technical expertise in the areas of airport operations safety and airport land use compatibility. We are a funding agency for airport projects and we have permit authority for public and special use airports and heliports. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

The proposal includes construction of a heliport at the new 53-acre Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center. The heliport will be located on the south side of the hospital building, approximately 285-feet from the south property line for the site. According to the Notice of Preparation (NOP), the heliport will be used for emergency evacuation of critically ill patients to other medical facilities to receive specialized treatment. Anticipated operations will occur "approximately three to four times per year."

The hospital heliport will require a State Heliport Permit from the Division of Aeronautics. Information regarding the State Heliport Permit process is available on-line at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/planning/-aeronaut/htmlfile/heliportpermit.php>. The applicant should also be advised to contact the Division's Aviation Safety Officer for Santa Clara County, Ms. Chris Ferrell, at (916) 654-5216, to request a State Heliport Permit-Application package.

Prior to issuing the State Heliport Permit, the Division of Aeronautics, as Responsible Agency, must ensure that the proposal is in full compliance with CEQA. The issues of primary concern to us include heliport-related noise and safety impacts on the surrounding community. To ensure that the community will not be adversely impacted by helicopter operations, flight paths should avoid noise-sensitive and people intensive uses. Residential uses are considered noise sensitive and schools are considered both people intensive and noise sensitive. Environmental documentation should include the anticipated number of operations, daytime and/or nighttime use, a *noise study with heliport noise contours*, diagrams showing the proposed landing site and the approach/departure flight paths. The diagrams should also depict the proximity of the proposed flight paths to any existing or proposed noise sensitive or people

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intensive uses. Consideration given to the issue of compatible land uses in the vicinity of a heliport should help to relieve future conflicts between the heliport and its neighbors.

Existing and proposed structures in the vicinity of the proposed heliport site should not be at a height that will result in penetration of the 8:1 approach imaginary surfaces. Public Utilities Code, Section 21659, "Hazards Near Airports Prohibited" prohibits structural hazards near airports and heliports. Structures should not be at a height that will result in penetration of the approach imaginary surfaces. If the heliport is planned for operation prior to completion of the later phases of construction activities, impacts to the heliport imaginary surfaces from temporary construction-related impacts (e.g. construction cranes, etc.) should be identified. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular 150/5370-2E entitled "Operational Safety on Airports During Construction" can be incorporated into the project design in order to identify any permanent or temporary construction-related impacts (e.g. construction cranes, etc.) to the airport/heliport imaginary surfaces. This advisory circular is available at <http://www.faa.gov/ARP/-publications/acs/5370-2e.pdf>. The FAA may also require the filing of a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) for certain project-specific activities in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations Part 77 "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace". Form 7460-1 is available at <http://forms.faa.gov/forms/faa7460-1.pdf>.

Please note the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will require the filing of a Notice of Landing Area Proposal (Form 7480-1). A copy of the form is available on the FAA website at <http://www.faa.gov/ARP/ane/forms/7480-1.pdf>.

These comments reflect the areas of concern to the Caltrans Division of Aeronautics with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional airport land use planning issues. We advise you to contact our district office concerning surface transportation issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. We look forward to reviewing the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. We will also require a copy of the Notice of Determination once the project has been approved. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-5314.

Sincerely,



SANDY HESNARD
Aviation Environmental Planner

c: State Clearinghouse



January 10, 2006

City of Santa Clara
Director of Planning & Inspection
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Attention: Jeff Schwilk

Subject: Kaiser Medical Center Helipad Project

Dear Mr. Schwilk:

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) staff have reviewed the NOP for a Draft Supplemental EIR for a hospital heliport on the Kaiser Medical Center Campus at the southwest corner of Lawrence Expressway and Homestead Road. We have no comments at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please call me at (408) 321-5784.

Sincerely,

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Roy Molseed
Senior Environmental Planner

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February 2, 2006

City of Santa Clara
Director of Planning & Inspection
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Attention: Jeff Schwilk

Subject: City File No.: PLN2004-04382 / Kaiser Medical Center Helipad

Dear Mr. Schwilk:

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) staff have reviewed the NOP for a Draft Supplemental EIR for a helipad at the southwest corner of Homestead Road and Lawrence Expressway. We have no comments at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please call me at (408) 321-5784.

Sincerely,

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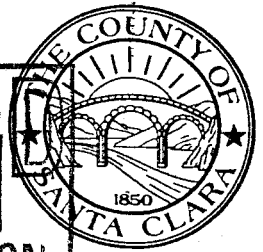
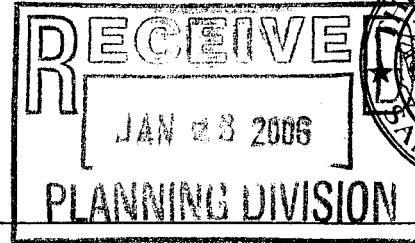
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January 3, 2005

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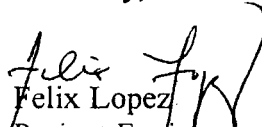
Subj: Use Permit to Allow Hospital Heliport for Emergency Patient Evacuation

Dear Mr. Schwilk:

We received and reviewed your Notice of Availability to review an Initial Study Checklist and Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact to allow the use of a hospital heliport for emergency patient evacuations. It is our understanding through your voice message today that there are no other hospital improvements related to the use permit request that might impact traffic along County maintained roads. We have no comments on the subject above.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this project. If you have any questions, please call me at (408) 573-2462.

Sincerely,


Felix Lopez
Project Engineer

1/17/06
WE HAVE NO
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.



cc: WRL, RN, file